Project 1 - Part 2

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1. Introduction

Compare the PISA and Alpha ISA by executing the same benchmarks on the two configurations.

2. Implementation

Prepare

Environment

- Docker image krlmlr/debian-ssh on Debian 10 (host).
- File ~/simplesim-3v0e.tgz is downloaded from http://www.simplescalar.com/.
- File ~/benchmarks.tar.gz is downloaded from http://www.ecs.umass.edu/ece/koren/architecture/Simplescalar/benchmarks.tar.gz.

Script

```
# install
apt-get install tar build-essential

# unzip
tar zxvf simplesim-3v0e.tgz
tar zxvf benchmarks.tar.gz

# path
PATH=$PATH:~/simplesim-3.0
```

ALPHA: Compile & Run

```
# compile
cd ~/simplesim-3.0
make clean
make config-alpha
make
make sim-tests
```

```
# run
cd ~/simplesim-3.0/tests/bin
sim-profile -iclass test-math
sim-profile -iclass test-fmath
sim-profile -iclass test-llong
sim-profile -iclass test-printf
cd ~
```

PISA: Compile & Run

```
# compile
cd ~/simplesim-3.0
make clean
make config-alpha
make
make sim-tests
cd ~

# run
cd ~/simplesim-3.0/tests/bin.little
sim-profile -iclass test-math
sim-profile -iclass test-fmath
sim-profile -iclass test-llong
sim-profile -iclass test-printf
cd ~
```

3. Result

ALPHA

```
1. root@61fec0de913c: ~/benchmarks (ssh)
load
                    6491559
                             25.36
                    2541971
                              9.93
store
uncond branch
                    1142226
                             4.46
cond branch
                    2636107 10.30
int computation
                   11423148 44.63
fp computation
                    1360117
                              5.31
                       2306
                              0.01
trap
sim_inst_class_prof.end_dist
ld_text_base
                       0x0120000000 # program text (code) segment base
ld_text_size
                             106496 # program text (code) size in bytes
ld_data_base
                       0x0140000000 # program initialized data segment base
ld_data_size
                              71264 # program init'ed `.data' and uninit'ed `.bss' size in bytes
                       0x011ff9b000 # program stack segment base (highest address in stack)
ld_stack_base
ld_stack_size
                              16384 # program initial stack size
ld_prog_entry
                       0x01200059c0 # program entry point (initial PC)
ld_environ_base
                       0x011ff97000 # program environment base address address
                                 0 # target executable endian-ness, non-zero if big endian
ld_target_big_endian
                                 54 # total number of pages allocated
mem.page_count
                               432k # total size of memory pages allocated
mem.page_mem
mem.ptab_misses
                             454174 # total first level page table misses
mem.ptab_accesses
                           69952303 # total page table accesses
mem.ptab_miss_rate
                             0.0065 # first level page table miss rate
root@61fec0de913c:~/benchmarks#
```

PISA

```
1. root@61fec0de913c: ~/simplesim-3.0/tests/bin (ssh)
                            8439
                                  17.13
load
store
                           5147 10.45
uncond branch
                           1946
                                  3.95
                           5424
cond branch
                                  11.01
int computation
                          27304
                                  55.42
fp computation
                             928
                                   1.88
                                   0.16
                              79
trap
sim_inst_class_prof.end_dist
                           0x0120000000 # program text (code) segment base
188416 # program text (code) size in bytes
ld_text_base
ld_text_size
ld_data_base
                           0x0140000000 # program initialized data segment base
ld_data_size
ld_stack_base
                                   41984 # program init'ed `.data' and uninit'ed `.bss' size in bytes
                           0x011ff9b000 # program stack segment base (highest address in stack)
ld_stack_size
                                   16384 # program initial stack size
                           0x012000f750 # program entry point (initial PC)
0x011ff97000 # program environment base address address
ld_prog_entry
ld_environ_base
ld_target_big_endian
                                       0 # target executable endian-ness, non-zero if big endian
                                     28 # total number of pages allocated
224k # total size of memory pages allocated
mem.page_count
mem.page_mem
mem.ptab_misses
                                      74 # total first level page table misses
                                  530706 # total page table accesses
0.0001 # first level page table miss rate
mem.ptab_accesses
mem.ptab_miss_rate
root@61fec0de913c:~/simplesim-3.0/tests/bin#
```

4. Conclusion

ALPHA

ALPHA Benchmark	Total # of Instructions	Load %	Store %	Uncond Branch %	Cond Branch %	Integer Computation %	Floating pt Computation %
test-math	49268	17.13	10.45	3.95	11.01	55.42	1.88
test-fmath	19357	17.61	12.61	4.73	11.12	53.34	0.43
test-llong	10485	17.60	14.79	5.49	12.12	49.69	0.10
test-printf	983331	17.99	10.74	4.82	11.39	54.85	0.09

PISA

PISA Benchmark	Total # of Instructions	Load %	Store %	Uncond Branch %	Cond Branch %	Integer Computation %	Floating pt Computation %
test-math	213553	15.96	10.67	4.22	13.84	54.42	0.88
test-fmath	53312	16.17	14.47	4.24	15.08	49.90	0.11
test-llong	29495	16.38	18.11	4.37	15.40	45.70	0.00
test-printf	1813745	19.22	9.28	5.13	17.01	49.33	0.01

5. Discussion

Now compare the two ISAs using a plot (a Histogram is preferred). Use MATLAB or EXCEL to plot the histogram.

What can you conclude about the two ISAs from the Histogram.

It seems that "Total # of Instructions" of PISA is far more than which of ALPHA.

However, proportions of instruction types between PISA and ALPHA have little difference.









